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## **CODAC, INC. RECEIVES \$100,000 FOR PARENT EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded CODAC, Inc. a grant totaling \$99,200 to support the Parent Empowerment Program (PEP). PEP is a community-oriented approach to identify and address specific risk factors that adversely effect adolescents and their families living in communities throughout Rhode Island. The program provides on-going support and education for parents and communities to aid them in obtaining, strengthening and sustaining identified, favorable outcomes by focusing on the prevention of adolescent drug abuse and violence.

“CODAC’s years of great work in treating and preventing substance abuse will be an invaluable asset to the success of its Parent Empowerment Program. I am pleased this award has been given to CODAC, so it can continue its great work in communities across the State without additional burdens on the taxpayers,” Senator Chafee said. “I applaud the Department of Health and Human Services for recognizing the benefit of such programs to state and local communities.”

The program’s primary goal is to provide parents with the proper tools, education, and support for the challenges associated with adolescence; namely, substance abuse and violence. CODAC’s approach is to assist parents and communities through methods aimed at creating lasting change. Assistance will be provided to help adolescents remain substance free and capable of avoiding violent behaviors in response to the various social pressures they face. This will better enable them to achieve personal, social and academic success.

CODAC Behavioral Healthcare is a nonprofit organization in Rhode Island that provides outpatient counseling in a number of areas, ranging from substance abuse to gambling to domestic violence. It was originally known as a “Community Organization for Drug Abuse Counseling” but has since adopted the acronym as its official name.

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